

Education program of EuroSpine/The Spine Society of Europe

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Dear Reader,
Dear member and friend of EuroSpine, the Spine Society of Europe (SSE),

In the name of the *European Spine Journal*, the official journal of the EuroSpine, the Spine Society of Europe, and the associated national and specialist spine societies, I recommend to you and your residents, fellows and co-workers to attend the below announced educational events Fig. 1.

These programs have been developed by the Educational Committee of EuroSpine in close consultation with national societies and have been implemented by the EuroSpine Foundation. They represent a landmark in the efforts to offer independent educational programs on the way to a spine specialist recognition in Europe. Only through a broad support from the European Spinal Community we will reach this goal.

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EUROPEAN EDUCATION PLAN FOR SPINE SPECIALISTS

EuroSpine, the Spine Society of Europe and the EuroSpine Foundation initiate the European Education Plan Initiative to foster excellence in spinal care.

With the support of the EuroSpine Foundation, EuroSpine, the Spine Society of Europe positions itself as a major driving force in Spine Education within Europe, acting as a reference point and resource for all Spine Societies struggling with similar issues at local level, including Surgical Societies such as Neurosurgery, Scoliosis, Cervical but also non surgical European Societies involved in the care of spinal disorders.

Two main objectives are defined:

- Deliver consistent educational program to future spine specialists resulting in an European Diploma
- Deliver continuing education to spine specialists with consistent Accreditation delivered by the EACCME (European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education)

European Education Plan template

EUROPEAN SPINE DIPLOMA		CONTINUING EDUCATION		
Courses	Fellowship	Master courses	Symposium	Surgical training
Module 1	6 months or Fellowship 9 months			Travelling and On site
Module 2		Module 2	Any symposium	
Module 3		Module 3		
Module 4		Module 4	SSE Annual Meeting	
Module 5		Module 5		

Barcelona, Spain

March 24- 25	March 26- 27	March 27- 28
Basic comprehensive module	Spinal deformities	
<i>Module 1: European Spine Diploma</i>	<i>Module 4: European Spine Diploma</i>	<i>Module 4: MASTER COURSE</i>
Chair	Chair	
Finn Bjarke Christensen, MD, PhD, Denmark	Marco Brayda-Bruno, MD, Italy	
Faculty	Faculty	
Federico Ballagué, MD, Switzerland	Ahmet Alanay, MD, Turkey	Jean-Charles Le Huec, MD, PhD, France
Haluk Berk MD, Turkey	Massimo Balsano, MD, Italy	Claudio Lamartina, MD, PhD, Italy
Ciaran Bolger, PhD FRCSI (SN), Ireland	Pr. Jean Dubousset MD, France - Lecturer	Norbert Passuti, MD, France
Kim Burton PhD, MErgS, EurErg, England	Jeremy Fairbank, MD, FRCS, England	Ferran Pellisé Urquiza, MD, PhD, Spain
Wilco Peul, MD, PhD, The Netherlands	Jörg Franke, MD, Germany	Francisco Perez-Grueso, MD, Spain
Hans-Joachim Wilke, PhD, Germany	Amzi Hamzaoglu, MD, Turkey	Hans-Joachim Wilke, PhD, Germany
Alberto Zerbi, MD, Italy		
Target Participants (35)	Target Participants (35)	Target Participants (25)
Physicians intending to acquire basic knowledge on the evaluation of spinal disorders - disease processes, basic skills, and the emergency approach to disorders of the spinal column - including the last year residents of the relevant medical specialties.	Physicians intending to acquire up-to-date basic and advanced knowledge on Spinal Deformities management. The Diploma Course is addressed to future spine specialists willing to participate to the 5-Modules structure of the European Spine Diploma.	Trained spine surgeons who are willing to update and discuss their knowledge on specific spinal deformities problems through an interactive case discussion with faculty.
Learning objectives	Learning objectives	Learning objectives
Perform a thorough physical examination in a patient with a spinal disorder Evaluate radiological tests Describe disease processes Describe fundamentals of surgical approaches to the spinal column Describe basic surgical skills Recognize and describe the acute management of emergency situations.	Have a clear strategy of diagnostic reasoning with appropriate examination and imaging investigation Describe and then select the most appropriate modalities in conservative and surgical care - Be aware of efficacy vs unefficacy Understand and discuss the process of selection and exclusion of a single patient for a specific treatment Understand and apply specific modalities to prevent complications.	Through interactive discussion on clinical cases and lectures of a skilled faculty, the participant will be able to: Discuss the strategy of correction in the more difficult and controversial scenario of deformity treatment Update and adjoin knowledge on new technologies for management of complex spinal deformities Understand and apply specific modalities to prevent and manage complications.
Headlines	Headlines	Headlines
Physical examination and radiological evaluation of the spinal column Basic disease processes Surgical approaches and basic surgical and interventional skills Emergency situations.	General principles Conservative treatment Principles of surgical treatment and surgical approaches Prevention of complications.	Strategies for specific problems Indications for posterior & anterior approach Technical aspects: All screws, Hibrid, Sacral fixations Neuromuscular, Congenital, Adult.

Fig. 1 European education plan for spine specialists